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Nevada Talking Book Services

Nevada Talking Book Services Turns 50

Eligibility

Persons unable to read or use print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation

Talking Books

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Hours

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.
Closed State
Holidays

This year, as we celebrate 50 years of service to eligible Nevadans, we are sharing stories from the past. The third one, below, is from a current staff member who does outreach programming in the Las Vegas area.

History of Southern NV Talking Books

By Brett Silver

With the help of my grandmother, as someone born blind, I first started using the program when I was 11 years old. At that time the sub-regional library was run by Maryanne Morton. She was still there when I started volunteering in 2000. At the time, the library was in the basement of the Clark County Library which is very close to my house, so it was within walking distance for me. As a volunteer I helped by rewinding cassette books and applying barcodes. I also helped answer the phone.

I was hired as a temporary employee in 2002 still under the supervision of Maryanne and an assistant named Joyce Martin. As a temp, I did more involved tasks such as patron record maintenance and checking books in and out. In August of 2002, they moved our library into the Lydia Malcolm Library which was part of the Henderson Library District. It was a store front set up, not very big at all, and we had to share the space with the library. Additionally, their patrons sometimes were annoyed if they were trying to read or study and we were talking with a patron over the phone or in person.

When Maryanne retired at the end of 2003, Joyce stayed on as my supervisor until Rebecca Snetselaar was hired on in May of 2004.

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Then in March of 2005 the Lydia Malcolm Library moved from Wigwam Parkway to Sunridge Heights Parkway, and we moved with them. Now there were two store front libraries; Lydia Malcolm had one and we had the other. Having our own space for Talking Books, we did not upset their patrons any more.

In early 2006, State Library administration decided to close this lending library but keep a position in Southern Nevada to do outreach. I got the job. Since then, I have been the outreach employee in southern Nevada. As outreach coordinator, I attend health fairs and speaking events, meet with teachers and activity directors, and participate in radio and television interviews.

Patron Survey Results

Thank you for the response on the survey distributed in May. We had 541 of 1431 surveys returned; this is a 37.8% return rate, a very good percentage. We use this information to report the National Library Service (NLS) as well as on the grant evaluation submitted each year. The grant is federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant money that provides some of the financial support for this program at the state level. Your responses help us know where we need to improve and validate our services.

Some important results from the survey are:

- A majority, 70 %, responded that they have received requested books quicker in the last year. This is good news. This is our goal.
- 100% responded that this program contributes to their quality of life. That is wonderful to know. And it supports our efforts to continue to provide the service.
- 90% indicated this program contributes to their independence. This indicates that the design of the materials and processes like “Free Matter for the Blind” are having a positive impact.

Mismatched Books and Containers

We no longer call patrons when a book is returned in the wrong container. To help us provide better service and not slow down the process, please take care to match books to their corresponding cases. To avoid mismatching containers and books, only open and listen to one book at a time.

If the book and container are returned to us mismatched, it will remain on your record until the parts are matched up, so please double check when returning books that the right book is in the right container.

New Nevada Titles

The Anointed One: An Inside Look at Nevada Politics

NVD01255

Written by Jon Ralston

Narrated by Don Scott

This book provides an inside look at Nevada politics. Kenny Guinn, a former school superintendent, bank president, utility executive and interim president at UNLV, was elected the governor of Nevada in a 1998 landslide. Guinn had never been on a ballot, but he had cultivated the right friends, served on the right boards, and paid decades worth of political dues. Thus, when he decided to call in his markers, the powers that anoint paid off. 2000

Somebody Forgot to Tell Harry : Harry Reid's Journey From Searchlight to Spotlight

DBC08398

Written by Adrienne Tropp

Narrated by Rob Allencourt

Harry Reid, a five-term Democratic U.S. senator from Nevada and Senate majority leader for seven years, was born in Searchlight, Nevada and grew up in poverty. This biography shares interesting details of his life as well as milestones such as attending law school, his success as an attorney and becoming the youngest lieutenant governor for Nevada. 2015

Robert Laxalt: The Story of a Storyteller

DBC04796

By Warren Lerude

Narrated by Lila Halpern

This biography of Basque-American

and accomplished Nevada story teller, Robert Laxalt, chronicles his life from his formative days, to college student, code officer in the Congo, journalist, family man, teacher, publisher and much more. Some strong language. 2013

Vegas and the Mob: 40 Years of Frenzy

DBC13311

Written by Al W. Moe

Narrated by Bill Andrews

This book follows the mafia from the east coast in the 1920s to Las Vegas in the 1930's. The FBI did virtually nothing to stop the frenzy, murder, deceit, scams, and skimming as the mob took control of casino after casino, killing the competition. In the 1960's, the FBI finally started cracking down, but it took twenty more years before they could say the mob was out of Vegas. Contains some descriptions of sex, some violence, some strong language. 2013

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Mysteries and Legends of Nevada: True Stories of the Unsolved and Unexplained

NVD01253

Written By Richard Moreno

Narrated by Polly Price

Seventeen compelling stories of Nevada's fascinating and incredible findings. These stories cover mysterious deaths, hauntings, native monster legends as well as the secret Area 51 offering the unexplained and unsolved. 2010

Poem

"I Miss..."

By Cathy P.

I miss watching the sunsets in the Vermont mountains.

I miss the fall colors on the trees of New England.

I miss seeing the snow clinging to every branch of a tree glistening in the beautiful sun.

I miss watching all the newborn babies in the spring.

I miss seeing the laughter in the eyes of my parents as they watch their grandchildren play and laugh and sing.

I miss you.

I miss my sight.

Nevada Digital Titles

The following titles have been re-recorded in digital format:

The Basque Hotel

by Robert Laxalt

DBC08378

A Man in the Wheatfield

by Robert Laxalt

DBC08395

Tales of Nevada Volume 1 & 2

NVD01096 & NVD01101

by Norm Nielson

The Earps' Last Frontier

by Jeffrey Kintop & Guy Rocha

DBC08387

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